FISCAL NOTE

SB 1575 - HB 1259

March 13, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reclassifies gamma hydroxybutyric acid from a Schedule IV (Class D felony) controlled substance to a Schedule I (Class B felony) controlled substance. The bill also expands the definition of controlled substances to include *controlled substance analogue* which is defined as a substance intended for human consumption that either has a chemical structure of a drug or substance in Schedule I or II or produces or is intended or represented to produce a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect similar to a Schedule I or II substance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$74,100/Incarceration* Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes two Class D felony convictions will be elevated to Class B felony convictions each year. Also, assumes one additional Class B felony conviction every other year for a *controlled substance analogue*. Revenues will result from fines imposed.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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